

Connecticut’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourses: *Agricultural Practices*

Segment 3 is designed for municipal inland wetlands staff and experienced commission members. This all-day program will provide participants with an understanding of agricultural activities and their relationship to state laws regulating the use of wetlands and watercourses.

Agricultural practices within Connecticut are changing from traditional large-scale operations to smaller, specialty establishments. Since Connecticut law defines agriculture as including forestry, these businesses range in scale from large dairy farms, to both small and large forest product harvests, to small specialty producers. The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (Act) is the primary law governing agricultural pursuits in and around wetlands and watercourses, and it is very likely that land that is being farmed or used for forestry has these resources on it. Therefore Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies are critical in not only protecting wetland and watercourse resources, but

also in supporting agricultural activities through the appropriate application of the law.

Segment 3 will explore the agricultural topic through four different workshops. Participants may choose to explore forestry issues at one of two locations or agricultural issues at a dairy farm or an equine facility. All four workshops will begin with a morning classroom session in which a summary of the Act’s relevant statutory sections will be provided. The classroom portion will continue by examining how agriculture and forestry activities can be consistent with Best Management Practices. Finally, the morning will wrap up with a specific workshop subject presentation. At the Forestry workshops, guest speaker Dr. Paul Barten, Associate Professor of Forest Resources, University of Massachusetts, will provide a presentation related to hydrology of a southern New England watershed. At the dairy and equine workshops, Ms. Joan Nichols, Government Relations Specialist, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association will discuss Connecticut’s changing face of agriculture.

Important Program Details

- ◆ All workshops will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Due to workshop class size and field constraints pre-registration is required, no walk-in registrations will be allowed.
- ◆ Workshops will be held rain or shine so please bring rain gear if appropriate. Water-resistant foot wear with good tread is recommended.
- ◆ In the case of severe weather, the afternoon field portion may be canceled.
- ◆ Due to the popularity of Segment 3, please cancel (by calling 860-486-4905) if you cannot attend so that we may notify the next person on the waiting list.
- ◆ Cancellation must be received at least **48 hours** prior to the start of the program for a refund.
- ◆ *Voucher registrants that fail to attend a Segment or fail to cancel at least 48 hours prior to the program will be charged the full program fee of \$60.00 per segment.*
- ◆ **Bus transportation from the morning classroom site to the field site will be provided for all locations except Norfolk. Due to very limited parking at the field sites participants must take the bus. At the Norfolk forestry site you will be responsible for your own transportation, over a well maintained dirt road, for the field portion of the program. We encourage carpooling to this field site.**
- ◆ The Norfolk site is primarily flat with some uneven and possibly wet terrain.
- ◆ The Marlborough site is a dirt road traversing hilly terrain; while not required, options exist to traverse very rough, uneven, and possibly wet terrain to view certain forestry features.
- ◆ The Lebanon site involves walking on dirt farm roads.
- ◆ The Redding site involves walking across horse pastures.
- ◆ Due to the field nature of this program, and time constraints, it is highly recommended that you bring a lunch; or be prepared to purchase a lunch at a near-by establishment. Morning refreshments will be provided.

Registration Form	Wetlands	Segment 3	Fall 2009
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Please make a copy of this registration form for additional registrants.

Name _____
(Name as it will appear on your certificate, if applicable.)

Phone: Day (____) _____
Evening (____) _____

Preferred Mailing Address: ☐ Home ☐ Business

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please check the following as they apply to you.

The following required information must be provided for this registration form to be processed.

Check one of the following:

☐ I am a member of my Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town/City of: _____

☐ I am a municipal employee hired/assigned to support the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town/City of: _____

My title is: _____

☐ Other, please briefly explain (i.e.: Conservation commission member, concerned citizen, consultant, etc.) _____

Please let us know if you require special services due to a disability:

Directions to segment locations are available online (<http://continuingstudies.uconn.edu/professional/dep/wetlands.html>).

Certificate Group # 3307

Segment 3, Term 1098

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All workshops 9 AM – 4 PM

Forestry Focus Workshops:

☐ Wednesday, October 21, 2009 Battell Building (AM); Great Mountain Forest (PM), Norfolk (S301)

☐ Wednesday, October 28, 2009 Colchester Town Hall (AM); Salmon River State Forest (PM), Marlborough (S302)

Agricultural Focus Workshops:

☐ Wednesday, November 4, 2009 Franklin Wildlife Management Area (AM); Graywall Farm, Lebanon (PM) (S303) Dairy

☐ Thursday, November 12, 2009 Redding Community Center (AM); Whimsy Brook Farm (PM), Redding (S304) Equine

Fee: \$60 per course section

(includes handouts and refreshments)

☐ DEP voucher # _____ enclosed.

☐ Check enclosed made payable to UConn.

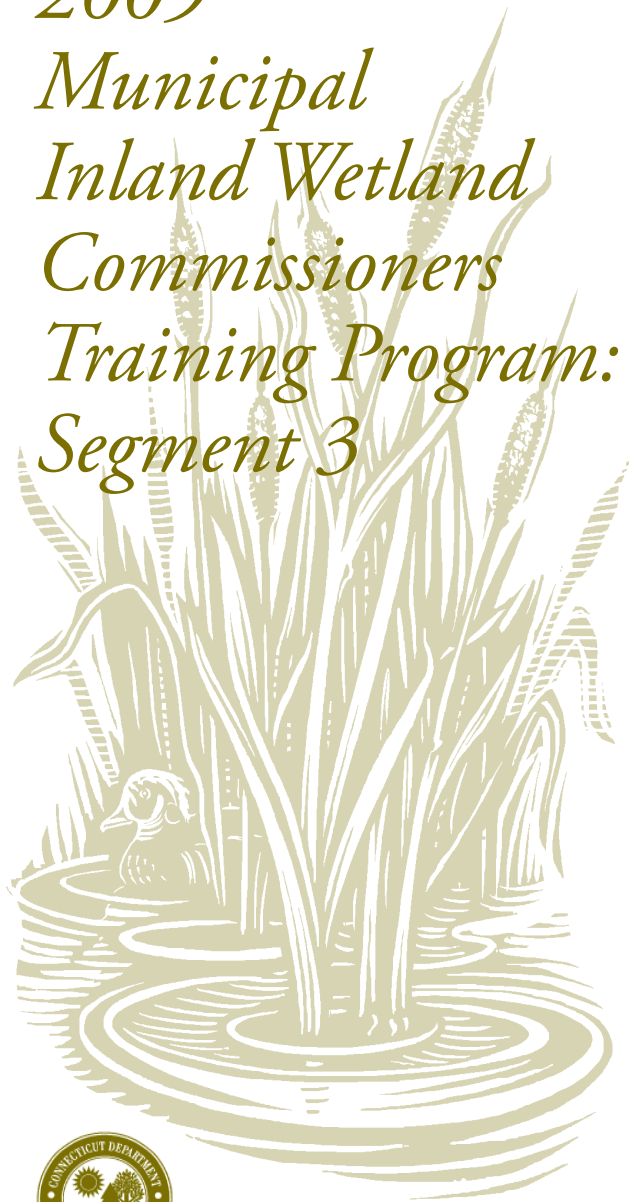
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ONLINE: Visit our web site at www.continuingstudies.uconn.edu/professional/dep/wetland.html to pay by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or Diners International).

MAIL: Complete the registration form, enclose payment in full, and mail to: University of Connecticut, Center for Continuing Studies, One Bishop Circle, Unit 4056, Student and Financial Services, Storrs, CT 06269-4056.

IN PERSON: At the University of Connecticut, Center for Continuing Studies, One Bishop Circle, Student and Financial Services, Room 114, Storrs, CT. Office hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.; Thurs., 8:30 am-7:00 pm.

2009 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program: Segment 3



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The 2009 Training Program

The Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program is presented by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Wetlands Management Section. Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut Section 22a-39, the DEP is charged with developing an annual comprehensive training program for inland wetlands agency members and staff. The annual program covers a broad range of legal, administrative and scientific subjects relevant to municipal inland wetlands regulation.

Who should attend?

The Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program is intended for Connecticut's 170 municipal inland wetlands agencies. The training program is organized into three segments in order to meet the varying needs and diverse backgrounds of agency members and staff. The three segments are designed as follows:

- ✓ Segment 1 is tailored for **new** agency members and staff.
- ✓ Segment 2 is recommended for all agency members and staff.
- ✓ Segment 3 is designed for agency staff (wetland agents) and experienced agency members.

Is pre-registration required?

Due to limited enrollment, participants must pre-register. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to inland wetlands agency members and staff. Registrants will receive confirmation and directions online or in the mail.

What happens if a program segment is cancelled or rescheduled?

The DEP reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the training program. Registrants will be notified at the earliest possible time and offered a different date/location. If the participant is unable to switch to a different date/location any paid registration fees will be refunded in full.

Can a refund be made if a participant needs to cancel?

Registration fees are refundable only if cancellation is received **48 hours prior** to the start of the program. Please call the UConn student services office at 877-892-6264 or 860-486-4905.

Are program registration fees waived for any reason?

CT General Statute Section 22a-42(d) provides that the DEP waive program registration fees for one person from each town. A voucher for Segment 3 of the 2009 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program has been sent to each town's inland wetlands agency with instructions on its use. To be eligible for free registration, the person selected by his or her wetlands agency must include the **original DEP voucher** with the registration form that is sent to UConn. The prepaid voucher is not transferable and therefore participant substitution is not allowed for those registrants. For online registration use the voucher code to receive complimentary registration.

Which segment meets the agent training requirement pursuant to CT General Statute Section 22a-42a(c)(2)?

The Statute requires duly authorized wetland agents to complete the DEP's comprehensive training program before the above authority can be delegated to them by their inland wetlands agency. Agents who have completed all segments of a DEP Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program offered annually since 1995 meet this requirement. Other agents must complete all segments of the 2009 or a future annual training program to meet this requirement.

How does one register for future training programs?

Each year a brochure containing program information and a registration form for Segment 1 and Segment 2, as well as one voucher, are mailed to every municipal inland wetlands agency in February. A second brochure and voucher for Segment 3 are mailed in September. Online registration is also available at these times.

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